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NOTICE REGARDING DISCOVERY

The discovery phase of a case begins after the defendant answers the complaint. After the answer is filed, the Court will enter a scheduling order setting deadlines for the parties to complete all discovery and to file dispositive motions.

During the discovery phase of the case, the parties exchange information about the case. Pursuant to Rule 5(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,

...disclosures under Rule 26(a)(1) or (2) and the following discovery requests and responses must not be filed [with the court] until they are used in the proceeding or the court orders filing: depositions, interrogatories, requests for documents or tangible things...and requests for admission.

In other words, you must serve discovery requests on counsel for the defendants by mail or other means of delivery. **A party is not required to respond to discovery requests that are not properly served.**

Do not file or e-file interrogatories, requests to produce, or requests for admission with the Court unless the other party fails to properly respond, and they are relevant to a motion to compel or other appropriate motion.